

# Foreign Language

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## Advanced Placement French

Elective Full Year  
Grade(s) Grades 11 -12

Prerequisite:

Four years of French and A- in French IV or French IV Honors and strong teacher recommendation. Placement test may be required

This course is intended for students who have attained a high degree of proficiency in French and who are interested in completing studies comparable in content and difficulty to a full-year college level course. This course is designed to provide students with a communicative ability in French language. The course objectives are to develop the ability to understand spoken French in various contexts, and to develop French vocabulary sufficient for reading newspapers and magazine articles, literary texts and other nontechnical writings without dependence on a dictionary. Students will also develop the ability to express themselves in French, both orally and in writing, with reasonable fluency, coherence and accuracy. Students are required to take the AP exam in May. This course is conducted entirely in French.

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## Advanced Placement Latin

Elective Full Year  
Grade(s) 11-12

Advanced Placement

Prerequisite:

Four years of Latin and B in Latin IV Honors with teacher recommendation

This course is designed for those students who have attained a high degree of mastery in translating Latin literature. The goal is to prepare the student for the Latin Literature AP examination by emphasizing the literal translation of Latin lyric poetry. In addition, a major emphasis will be placed on analyzing, discussing, and writing critical essays on Latin poetry. The fundamentals of Latin grammar will be reviewed in conjunction with a thorough exploration of the history of Late Republican Rome. Summer reading and/or a special project may be required. Students must take the AP exam in the spring.

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## Advanced Placement Spanish Language

Elective Full Year  
Grade(s) 11-12

Advanced Placement

Prerequisite:

Four years of Spanish and A- in Spanish IV or IV Honors and strong teacher recommendation. Placement test may be required.

This course is designed for those students who have attained a high degree of oral proficiency in Spanish. The goal of the course is to prepare the student for the Spanish AP Language examination by emphasizing the basic objectives of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing. All forms of writing are emphasized especially the directed and the open-ended question. Weekly journals and critical writing pieces are included. Students hone listening and speaking skills through repeated practice in the form of dialogues, skits, interviews, and directed questions. Picture sequences are also used to practice for the exam, and grammar is reviewed, fine tuned and applied in authentic communicative situations. Students are required to take the AP exam in May. This class is conducted entirely in Spanish.

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## Chinese

Elective Full Year  
Grade(s) 10-12

A Level

Prerequisite:

Director recommendation

This course begins the sequence of Mandarin Chinese and culture. Basic skills taught during this course include Pinyin (a phonetic) system, character formation and simple sentence structure. Students will be required to know up to 300 characters in order to be able to begin simple conversation in Chinese.

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## French I

Elective                      Full Year  
Grade(s)9-12  
A Level  
Prerequisite:  
Teacher recommendation

This course is designed for all students beginning the study of French. Imagine being able to carry on a conversation in French! You CAN by learning the basics of the language. Vocabulary and simple language patterns are used in classroom conversations and daily activities. You will learn a great deal about France through discussion, videos, films, hand outs and a French reader.

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## French I Transition

Elective                      Full Year  
Grade(s)9-12  
A Level  
Prerequisite:  
Placement test and teacher recommendation

This course is designed for those students who have passed French I for credit, but have not achieved the skill level required for success in a French II class. In this course, the students will hone their listening, writing, reading and oral skills and concentrate on those segments of French I that need further review. Emphasis will be on individual student needs, and the goal of the course will be preparation for entry into French II the following year.

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## French II

Elective                      Full Year  
Grade(s)9-12  
A Level  
Prerequisite:  
Placement test and teacher recommendation

In this course you will further develop the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing that you acquired in French I. You will practice speaking and increase your vocabulary by creating and presenting original skits. Your writing skills will develop as you create short paragraphs and essays. A cultural reader will transport you to France as you discover the French way of life. You will discover why Paris, the City of Light, has commanded the admiration of so many visitors, and has been celebrated for centuries by writers and artists.

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## French III

Elective                      Full Year  
Grade(s)10-12  
A Level  
Prerequisite:  
C- in French II and teacher recommendation

This course enriches the previously learned basic skills through more challenging literature, ancillary tapes and videos. Writing skills are further developed through systematic exercises, compositions, essays and oral presentations. Put your French into action by reading a challenging detective story, French poetry, as well as the fables of LaFontaine. You will explore the province of Quebec and gain an appreciation for the French culture of our northern neighbor. The course is conducted in French.

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## French IV

Elective                      Full Year  
Grade(s)11-12  
A Level  
Prerequisite:  
C- in French III and teacher recommendation

This course extends the student's ability for proficiency in communication in the target language as more sophisticated expressions are learned. Students continue to read and discuss novels. Cultural focus will vary yearly to cover aspects of history, geography, art and society. This course is conducted in French.

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## French V

Elective                      Full Year  
Grade(s)12  
A Level  
Prerequisite:  
B+ in French IV, A Level or B- in  
French IV Honors, and teacher  
recommendation

This course is conducted entirely in French and is sometimes taught in conjunction with French IV Honors. It is intended for those students who have achieved a reasonable degree of proficiency in French but do not wish to take an advanced placement level course. Emphasis in this course is placed on accuracy in both oral and written expression as more complex grammar is introduced.

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## Honors French II

Elective                      Full Year  
Grade(s)9-12  
Honors  
Prerequisite:  
B+ French I and teacher  
recommendation

The outstanding features of this course are the rapid pace of the program and the sophisticated proficiency of its participants. Students are introduced to "literature" with an elementary sequential reader. By the second semester, this course is conducted in French. Cultural focus: Paris

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## Honors French III

Elective                      Full Year  
Grade(s)10-12  
Honors  
Prerequisite:  
B+ in French II and teacher  
recommendation

This course is designed to mirror the curriculum of French III, while providing a faster pace and more attention to accuracy. Students will continue to increase self expression and hone the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing through composition, oral presentations, collaborative projects, original poetry and fables.

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## Honors French IV

Elective                      Full Year  
Grade(s)11-12  
Honors  
Prerequisite:  
A- in French III, A Level or B- in  
French III Honors, and teacher  
recommendation

This course is conducted entirely in French. It is intended for those students who are preparing for entry into Advanced Placement French the following year. Emphasis is placed on developing accuracy in both oral and written expression with more complex and finite grammar.

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## Honors Latin III

Elective                      Full Year  
Grade(s)10-12  
Honors  
Prerequisite:  
B- in Latin II and teacher  
recommendation

This course provides a continuation of Latin II plus more sophisticated outside reading of classical authors as well as more complex grammar patterns. Students will read selections from authors of the first century B.C. with special emphasis on the prose of Cicero and selections from Caesar, Euphobius and Nepos.

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## Honors Latin IV

Elective Full Year

Grade(s) 11-12

Honors

Prerequisite:

B- in Honors Latin III and teacher recommendation

A continuation of Latin III Honors is a focus of this course, plus readings of selected poems of Ovid, Vergil and epic poetry will be studied through the second half of the year. By the end of the year, students will have an understanding of Latin poetry both "Epic and Elegiac" and will have been exposed to the "golden age" of Latin poetry, i.e. the early empire.

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## Honors Spanish III

Elective Full Year

Grade(s) 10-12

Honors

Prerequisite:

B+ in Spanish II and teacher recommendation

This course is designed to mirror the curriculum of Spanish III, while providing a faster pace and more attention to accuracy. Students will hone skills of listening, writing and speaking through compositions, oral presentations, skits, collaborative projects, etc. They will continue to practice reading comprehension through the use of a reader of graduated difficulty. Emphasis will be on student use of the language in real life situations. Through videos and films, students will examine and discuss the peoples and customs of Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, Cuba and Bolivia. This course is conducted entirely in Spanish.

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## Honors Spanish IV

Elective Full Year

Grade(s) 11-12

Honors

Prerequisite:

A- in Spanish III, A Level or B- in Spanish III, Honors and teacher recommendation

This course is designed for those students who enjoy speaking, writing, listening and reading Spanish. Emphasis is on the use of proper grammar, but instruction is through active language. Students will present conversations, skits and dialogues. Essays and journals, generated from personal and current themes, are written weekly. Authentic literature in the form of newspapers, magazines, and short stories is used. Films and videos are presented to enhance the curriculum. Spain from the beginning to the Spanish Inquisition. This class is conducted entirely in Spanish.

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## Honors Spanish V

Elective Full Year

Grade(s) 12

Honors

Prerequisite:

A- in Spanish IV, A Level or B- in Spanish IV, Honors and teacher recommendation

This course is designed for advanced students who wish to continue the study of Spanish. This is primarily a literature and culture course with a review of all grammar. Authentic literature studied includes short stories, short novels, plays and poetry. Films and videos that parallel the curriculum are shown. The cultural focus is Spanish art and artists, the Spanish Civil War and the rise to power of Francisco Franco. The class is conducted entirely in Spanish.

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## Latin I

Elective Full Year

Grade(s) 9-12

A Level

Prerequisite:

None

Latin I is a beginning course with emphasis on pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar and derivatives. Emphasis is also placed on Roman life and culture, the permanent value of the Latin language, and the social values of classical studies. The study of English derivatives from Latin roots will increase the student's working vocabulary. A deeper understanding of English grammar is also a logical outcome of this course.

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## Latin II

Elective  
Grade(s)9-12  
A Level  
Prerequisite:  
Latin I and teacher recommendation

Full Year

The content of Latin II has been selected and arranged in such a way as to further the student's linguistic, cultural and social development. After a review of Latin I, the students study more difficult aspects of both the language and historical events.

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## Spanish I

Elective  
Grade(s)9-12  
A Level  
Prerequisite:  
Teacher recommendation

Full Year

This course is designed for all students beginning the study of Spanish. Students will learn the basics of the language while developing skills in comprehension and self expression. A workable vocabulary and simple language patterns are used in conversations based on classroom experiences and daily activities. The course also introduces them to the geography and cultures of Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

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## Spanish I Transition

Elective  
Grade(s)9-12  
A Level  
Prerequisite:  
Placement test and teacher recommendation

Full Year

This course is designed for those students who have passed Spanish I for credit, but have not achieved the skill level required for success in a Spanish II class. Students will hone their listening, writing, reading and oral skills and concentrate on those segments of Spanish I that need further review. Emphasis will be on individual student needs, and the goal of the course will be preparation for entry into Spanish II the following year.

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## Spanish II

Elective  
Grade(s)9-12  
A Level  
Prerequisite:  
Placement test and teacher recommendation

Full Year

This course provides greater development of the four skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, with emphasis on communicative competency. Students are introduced to short stories as they learn to read for comprehension. Interactive computer software enhances the program and allows the students to practice the concepts learned through another medium. The students are introduced to the history, geography, and the life styles of the people of Venezuela, Columbia, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Guatemala and Spain by way of films, videos, authentic realia, and native speakers.

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## Spanish III

Elective  
Grade(s)10-12  
A Level  
Prerequisite:  
C- in Spanish II and teacher recommendation

Full Year

This course, conducted primarily in Spanish, is designed for those students who have demonstrated a keen interest in the language and have acquired some communicative competency with the basic skills. Oral and written skills are emphasized with frequent compositions and oral presentations, skits, and collaborative projects. Students continue to practice reading comprehension through the use of a reader of graduated difficulty. Through videos and films, students will examine the peoples and customs of Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, Cuba and Bolivia.

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### Spanish IV

Elective                      Full Year  
Grade(s) 11-12  
A Level  
Prerequisite:  
C- in Spanish III and teacher  
recommendation

This course extends the student's ability to perfect communication in the target language, via readings on contemporary Hispanic culture and customs. There is greater emphasis on written grammatical construction as students create journals, dialogues and essays. Students continue to hone speaking skills through oral presentations and role play situations as they acquire more sophisticated vocabulary. The cultural focus is Latin America and Spain. This course is conducted in Spanish.

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### Spanish V

Elective                      Full Year  
Grade(s) 12  
A Level  
Prerequisite:  
C- in Spanish IV and teacher  
recommendation

This course is a continuation of Spanish IV. Oral presentations, skits, dialogues, 'tertulias', etc. are required as they parallel the curriculum. Readings include short stories, newspaper articles, and magazines. Weekly journals and essays are included to improve grammar skills. The cultural focus is Spain, beginning at the Inquisition and continuing to Francisco Franco. This class is conducted in Spanish.